



St John Fisher News

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'

St John's Gospel Chapter 10

23 October 2025

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'Deeds'

Jesus encourages us to be ready: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit' (Luke 12). Linking to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of The Common Good, we have focussed on the actions and good deeds that we can do in school, at home and in our community. With 24 October being the UN Day where the world is encouraged to act on issues such as peace and climate change, we thought about the impact on our behaviour and actions on others.

Focus Day

I hope that you enjoy reading about our Focus Day from the staff and students. It was a day of opportunity and experience enjoyed by all.

Pre-Public Exams

A reminder that when we return on 3 November, Year 11 will be starting their second week of PPEs and Year 13 their first week. Good luck to you all.

Happy Half Term

As always at SJF, it has been a busy half term for staff and students. I hope that you all have a wonderful, relaxing break and will see everyone back at school on 3 November.

Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher

Special Educational Needs and Disability in Peterborough



SEND Update



Sixth Form Star Students

October Star Students are in Year 12 Karolina (W7) and in Year 13 Zohal (B9). Karolina has made a great start to Sixth Form. She has shown that she is a responsible and committed Sixth Form student and made positive contributions to Biology, Chemistry and Geography. In addition, she has shown great perseverance to find a placement in her chosen field as well as having secured one for the summer work experience. Zohal has also made a great start to Year 13. She is a hard working and conscientious student who is dedicated to doing her best and accepting feedback on how to improve in preparation for her upcoming PPEs. We wish Zohal well in her PPEs after half term. Congratulations to both students, keep your eyes peeled for November Star Students.

Mrs Reay, Head of Sixth Form

Academic Tutoring

Year 10

3 November – 14 November 2025

Year 10 Work Experience 2026

Tuesday 2 June – Friday 12 June

We are launching our Year 10 work experience programme after half term with a parent information evening. Parents of all Year 10 students are invited to school on **Wednesday 5 November at 5pm**, to find out information about the process of finding a placement. We are always looking for business connections to support our careers programme, therefore if you are able to offer a work experience placement to our Year 10 students for the dates above, please contact our work experience coordinator Miss Reeve for more information louise.reeve@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk.



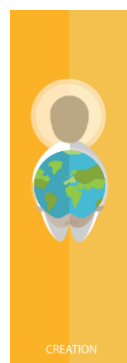
Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation

This week we conclude our Catholic Social Teaching Focus Care for Creation. Here is a reminder of our top tips from this half term. Conserve energy and water. Recycle, Reduce, Re-use, Live Simply (CAFOD), look after ourselves and the planet by walking or taking public transport and lastly...

Top Tip Week 7

Remember that we may not be able to do everything, but we can pray for others who are taking positive action, that they may have the strength and courage they need to help the healing of the earth. We also pray with thanks to God for all creation and all that he provides for us.

Student Senior Leadership Team



Upcoming Events

24 OCT	Staff Training Day – School Closed
1 NOV	Caritas Festival at SJF 10am start
3 NOV	Year 13 PPEs
4-10 NOV	November GCSE English/Maths Resits
5 NOV	Work Experience Information Evening Year 10 Parents - 5pm start
18 NOV	Parents Evening Year 8 & Year 12 (school closes 2pm)

Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all parents that the school car park is only to be used by staff or parents that have been invited for booked appointments with staff members. Please do not drop off or collect students within the school grounds, for the safety of all students. Thank you for your continued co-operation.



Caritas Festival at St John Fisher Catholic High School on 1 November

We are proud of our Caritas Ambassadors who were commissioned by Bishop Peter earlier this year. Bishop Peter is now inviting them, their family, friends and indeed everyone in Peterborough to come to St John Fisher Catholic High School to celebrate and learn about other activities and organisations, who like our Caritas Ambassadors are championing Catholic Social Teaching and making a tangible impact in the local community. Those present will include Angel Tree, The Light Project, Peterborough Foodbank, CAFOD, Radio Maria, Stella Maris and UCM, as well, it is hoped, others such as Little Miracles, Hope Shoe Box, Fenland Christians Against Poverty (CAP), The Catenians, CWL, Modern Slavery and SVP will also attend. The event at SJF on 1 November will begin in the school hall at 10am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about all these local projects. It will end at 12.15pm with prayer and reflection on the day. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend for part of or the whole event.

If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e. people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, not listed above that you would like to see or think should be represented at the festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

David Livesey, Administrator Caritas East Anglia.

RW Loosemore, the Creator of the St John Fisher Stone Bust

My Grandfather was born in Southampton on the 13 April 1894. At the age of 10 he won a 5 year scholarship to the Southampton School of Arts and Crafts. On the 7 April 1909 he entered into an Apprenticeship Agreement with the Southampton firm of Garrett and Hayson where he was employed as a letter cutter in stone, marble and granite.



R W Loosemore finishing of a statue to St Therese of Lisieux

The family know that one of the projects on which Grandad worked was the Pilgrim Fathers Memorial in Southampton which was unveiled on 15 August 1913 by the then American Ambassador.



Then and now - The bust of SJF newly completed and the now weathered bust in our Sensory Garden

During WW1 Grandad served in the Royal Horse Artillery stationed in Egypt and on his return he worked for R Francis & Sons Ltd in Eastbourne. This Firm was awarded contracts by the Imperial

War Graves Commission for headstones and larger memorials for erection throughout the far flung battlefields of WW1. The family hold a photo of Grandad working on a memorial to the unidentified soldiers who lost their lives during the war.



Claire Page with the SJF bust in the Sensory Garden

During his career Grandad went on to work throughout the country: from, for example, Stormont in Belfast to Liverpool; from Ascot Racecourse to Eton.

Clare Page

Focus Day

On Friday 17 October, students across all year groups participated in a variety of enriching activities during Focus Day.

Belton House

Year 7 went to Belton House on a visit organised by the Humanities faculty. Here is what some students said: 'At Belton House we walked through nature like forest and fields and also went into the amazing house. We looked at the rooms and magnificent paintings. We discussed about all of the stuff from the time. I enjoyed walking on the trail and seeing a deer. I think what I will most remember is the maze. We saw sheep and the Witham River.'



Science

Year 8 engaged in hands-on science projects themed around space. Students learnt about different space careers, built their very own balloon rockets, designed their own space stations, decorated solar system mobiles and even eggs-perimented with eggcellent egg landers (see photo)! Well done to all students involved - fantastic effort and group work.



Mrs Davis, Head of Science

Technology

'On Friday, Year 9 explored the environmental impact of discarded clothing, learning how items sent to landfill—especially in places like Chile—harm local ecosystems. We created presentations on sustainable alternatives like using Vinted or donating to charity. Using recyclable materials such as newspaper and cardboard, we then designed eco-friendly clothing and held a fun class fashion show to showcase our creations. The day was both educational and enjoyable, and we hope to do something similar again.'

Milosz (B4) and Jakub (B4)

Expressive Arts

Year 10 had a great Focus Day in Expressive Arts focussing on Health and Wellbeing. The PE department ran a number of workshops on fitness boot camps and boxercise. These were great to get the blood pumping. We also looked at diet to go alongside this and made a diet plan. In the afternoon we de-stressed. We played a number of sports competitions to focus on our social and mental wellbeing. The Music department looked at music mindfulness and then practical music. Drama did a number of health presentations dragon den style. These were great fun. Overall, we had a fun, enjoyable and informative day.

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts

Focus Day: Year 11

Year 11 spent the day exploring the importance of wellbeing, especially during exam season. They began by learning about sleep and the circadian rhythm through research and documentaries, followed by sessions on healthy eating and balanced diets. The afternoon was dedicated to relaxing activities that promote wellbeing, such as cross stitch, colour by numbers, pompom making, origami, and board games. The goal was to help students unwind and perhaps discover a new skill before exams.

Mrs Meagher, Head of English

Buckden Towers

'Year 12 students went on a retreat to Buckden Towers. We took part in ice breakers and team bonding activities that helped us get to know each other better. Our theme was 'Growth' where we reflected on the Parable of the Sower and how it applied to our own lives. We wrote letters to our future selves which were blessed at Mass and given to us in the end of Year 13. The day offered space to consider our goals and hopes, ending with a shared moment of spiritual reflection.'

Jasmine (C6), RE Learning Leader



Year 12 celebrated the Mass in the Under Croft, a beautiful low-ceilinged chapel with stained glass windows all around. Looking at the largest one, pictured here, Fr Paul invited everyone to think about the areas of light and darkness within our own lives and where we are at the moment - perhaps the flickers of light around the edges, or closer to the centre and how we would like to 'grow' and get closer to the central light. He also asked us how we might get there. It was a thought provoking and joyful day.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



Focus Day: Year 13

'This year, we had a Student Finance & Budgeting talk that helped us understand university costs and repayments, including expenses if we move out. We researched five universities, considering factors like travel costs, graduate employment rates, and accommodation prices. In the afternoon, we went bowling, enjoying time with the rest of Year 13. We competed, collaborated and even got Mrs Reay to bowl - she missed, but it was a highlight of the day!'

Bedirhan (B2)

Congratulations to Liam (B2), who secured the highest score at bowling.



Catholic Association Pilgrimage

Founded in 1891

Friday 21 to Friday 28 August 2026

Join our Young Helper's Group (age 16-25)

Register your interest:- <https://tinyurl.com/InterestCA2026>

youth@catholicassociation.co.uk

www.catholicassociation.co.uk

ALL ARE WELCOME



Why volunteer?

- * Meet other people your age
- * Share your faith with others
- * Fun and fulfilment
- * Connect to others of all ages
- * Learn more about Saint Bernadette and Lourdes
- * Spiritually nourishing

Subsidised places will be available for young people

Y.D.P. HALF TERM CAMPS

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ALDERHAM JACOBS (PE7 1SL), 27-29 OCT 9-3PM

THE DEEPINGS CARAVAN PARK (PE6 8LQ), 27-28 OCT 9-3PM

COPA (PE1 5LQ), 27-28 OCT 9-3PM

FOOTBALL CAMP @ COPA (PE1 5LQ), 27-28 OCT 10-3PM

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY (PE7 5ZT), 27-28 OCT 9-3PM

HAMPTON GARDENS (PE7 8HL), 27-29 OCT 9-3PM

MANOR DRIVE ACADEMY (PE4 7EP), 27-29 OCT 9-3PM

Y.D.P. SPORTS FEST

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MON 27th & TUES 28th OCT 9-3pm

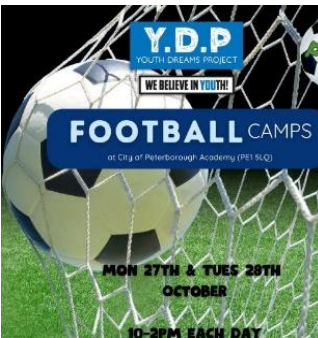
THE DEEPINGS CARAVAN PARK (PE6 8LQ)

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SPORTS AND FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- ALL THE USUAL YDP SPORTS
- GAMES
- BOWLING
- SOFT PLAY
- CRAZY GOLF
- CLIMBING FRAMES
- ARCADE GAMES
- TALENT SHOW
- PRIZES TO BE WON

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at City of Peterborough Academy (PE1 5LQ)

MON 27th & TUES 28th OCTOBER

10-2PM EACH DAY

This camp is for Year 1 - Year 8 Bots Footballers wanting to improve their skills. Qualified FA coaches will work with the children to learn new skills and work on all aspects of the beautiful game. Your child will need kit and a water bottle.

BRETTON WINTER COAT SWAP AND FREE SHOP

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH THIS WINTER. DONATE YOUR UNWANTED COATS THIS TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED

Bring your new / gently used, clean children's or adults coats. Donations will provide assistance to families and individuals facing adversity. FREE COLLECTION DATES AND TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Donation point:
The Cresset
Rightwell East, Bretton Peterborough PE3 8DX
(near the bus office)
Monday-Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday-Sunday 10am-3pm

Extra-Curricular Activities 2025-2026

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Racket Sports (Sports Hall)
 All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors (Chapel)
 Year 7 – Art Club (week 1 only)
 Year 7 – Blooket Club French (Room 211)
 Students with EAL Support – Piano Club
 All Years – Film Club

Monday After School

All Years - Boys Football (Astroturf)
 All Years – Chorum Choir (Room 102)
 Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)
 DoFE – Food Club (Room 306)
 All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Girls Multi-Sports (Sports Hall)
 All Years – Guitar Club (Room 102)
 Year 8 – Blooket Club French (Room 211)
 Year 9 – Drama Club (501)
 Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 1 only)

Tuesday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – Basketball (Sports Hall)
 Year 9 – Blooket Club French (Room 211)
 DoFE – Backstage & Lighting Club (501)
 DoFE – Italian Club (Room 209)
 String Players – String Ensemble (Room 102)

Wednesday After School

All Years – Girls Netball (Courts)
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

All Years – Cricket Club (Astroturf)
 Year 8 - Drama Club
 Blooket Club Spanish (Room 211)

Thursday After School

All Years – Badminton Club (Astroturf)
 All Years - Musical Theatre Club (501)
 Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre
 DoFE – Musical Theatre/ Performing Arts
 DoFE – Yoga (209)

Friday Lunchtime

All Years - Volleyball Club (Sports Hall)
 All Years – Band Practice (Practice Room 3)
 All Years – Warhammer Club (Art Room)
 Year 7 – Drama Club (501)
 Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 2 only)

Friday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

